## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Denis MONTAGUTELLI Art Unit: 2854

Application Number: 10/533,571 Examiner: Marissa L. Ferguson Samreth

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For: DEVICE FOR DELIVERING A PRINTED VOUCHER INTENDED

TO EQUIP A THERMAL PRINTING MECHANISM IN

PARTICULAR

Attorney Docket Number: 052541

Customer Number: 38834

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 25, 2008

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2008.

A response to restriction requirement is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this paper.

Additional claim fees for a small entity corresponding to 6 additional claims (previously

17 total claims with 1 independent claim, currently 26 total claims with 1 independent claim) are submitted with this paper.

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- Claims 1-2, and 15, drawn to a device "comprising a cutting member that is arranged inside the chamber and an arm member"
- (II) Claims 1, 3, and 4, drawn to a device "comprising an arm member that forms an intermediate guiding member"
- (III) Claims 1, 3, and 5, drawn to a device "comprising an arm that consists of an angular position detection sensor"
- (IV) Claims 1, 6-7, and 16, drawn to a device "comprising a selective guiding means that includes a ramp and a third driving means"
- (V) Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9, drawn to a device "comprising a third driving means that is fitted with a second ramp"
- (VI) Claims 1, 6, 8, and 10, drawn to a device "comprising a third driving means place[d] under the control of a sensor"
- (VII) Claims 1 and 11, drawn to a device "comprising a second driving means composed of a couple of rollers"
- (VIII) Claims 1 and 12, drawn to a device "comprising wherein the cutting member is a knife"

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of <u>Group (I)</u>, <u>Claims 1-2 and 15</u> for prosecution in this application. This election is made <u>with traverse</u> as set forth in the Remarks. It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.